


Conversation 2

Let's have a party!

How do you celebrate your birthday?
Do you get presents?

 Class CD 2, Track 50

Patty: When is your birthday, Wade?

Wade: Actually it's next week. On Thursday.

Patty: Really? What are your plans?

Wade: Well, do you mind if I invite a few friends over for a small party?

Patty: That's fine. How many friends do you want to invite?


Wade: Maybe five or six.

Patty: Sure. That's no problem.

Wade: And is it all right if we use the kitchen and cook a meal?

Patty: Of course. You can cook dinner any time you like!

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Pronunciation Focus

Wh- questions often have falling intonation. Listen to the intonation in these questions.

When is your birthday?
What are your plans?

Listen to the conversation again and notice the intonation of the questions.

GIVE IT A TRY

1. Asking for and giving permission

Informally		
Can I	invite my friends over next week?	Yes, that's fine.
Is it OK if I		Sure. No problem.
More formally		
Do you mind	if I have a party on Sunday?	Sure. That's OK.
Is it all right		Of course.

PRACTICE 1

Class CD 2
Track 52

Listen to the example. You are staying at a friend's house. You want permission to do the following things. Add your own idea. Then ask your partner for permission informally. Reverse roles.



1. make a cup of coffee
2. use the phone
3. watch the TV
4. have a look at the newspaper
5. take a shower
6. (your idea) _____

PRACTICE 2

Now ask a different partner about the things in Practice 1. This time ask more formally. Reverse roles.

2. Declining permission and giving a reason

Do you mind if I watch TV?

Sorry, I'm trying to read.

Is it all right if I use the phone?

Sorry. I'm waiting for a call.

Well, maybe later if you don't mind.

PRACTICE 1

Class CD 2
Track 53

Listen to the example. You are a houseguest, and your partner is your host. Ask your partner to do the things below. Your partner declines and gives a reason. Reverse roles.

1. change the TV channel
2. do my laundry
3. have a look at today's paper
4. cook myself something to eat
5. take a nap in the living room

Use These Words

do it later
still reading it
waiting to see the news
need to use the kitchen for a while
better to lie down in the bedroom

PRACTICE 2

Think of three more requests a houseguest might make. Practice asking and declining them with a partner. Reverse roles.

LISTEN TO THIS

Class CD 2
Track 54

Part 1 Listen to someone asking permission to do things. Where are they?

___ at a friend's house

___ at school

___ at a hotel

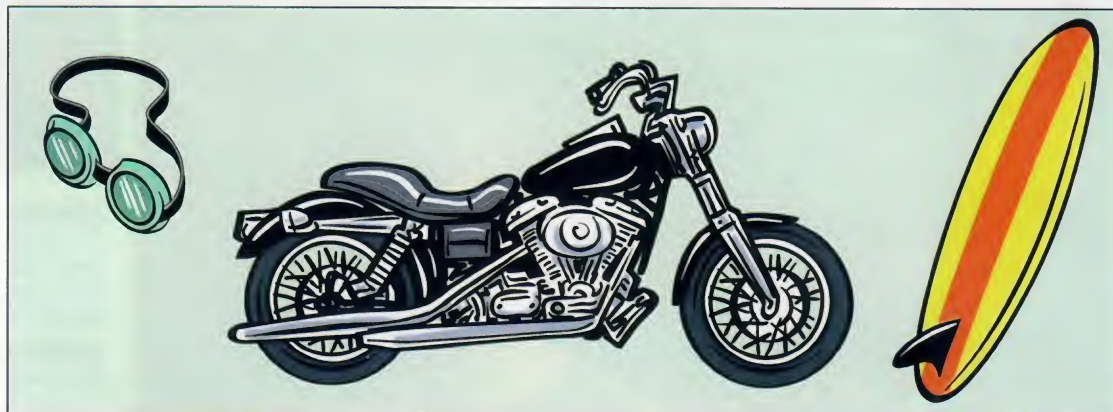


Part 2 Listen again. Does the other person agree to the request or not? Check (✓) the illustrations of the requests he or she agrees to.

PERSON TO PERSON STUDENT A

(Student A looks at this page. Student B looks at page 113.)

Part 1 You want to borrow the things below from your roommate. Check (✓) the one he or she agrees to lend you, and write down the excuses he or she offers for the others.



		Agrees	Doesn't agree	Excuse
1	surfboard			
2	goggles			
3	motorcycle			

Part 2 Your roommate asks for permission to do three things. Agree to one but not the others. Give a reason for saying no.



Part 3 Change partners. This time you are student B.

Now Try This

Someone wants to borrow money, your tennis racket, and your magazine. Think of excuses for not lending these items.